

SENATE BILL 458

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By: Senator Rosapepe

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Crosswalk Monitoring Systems – Authorization**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the use of crosswalk monitoring systems in school zones if
4 authorized by local law; providing that the owner or driver of a motor vehicle
5 recorded failing to yield to a pedestrian crossing a roadway in a crosswalk is subject
6 to a citation and a certain civil penalty under certain circumstances; establishing
7 certain defenses to a charge of an alleged violation recorded by a crosswalk
8 monitoring system; prohibiting a contractor administering a crosswalk monitoring
9 system from being compensated in a certain manner; and generally relating to the
10 use of crosswalk monitoring systems.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
13 Section 4–401(13), 7–302(e)(1) through (3) and (4)(i), and 10–311
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
17 Article – Transportation
18 Section 21–502
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

21 BY adding to
22 Article – Transportation
23 Section 21–502.2
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
27 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

2 4-401.

3 Except as provided in § 4–402 of this subtitle, and subject to the venue provisions of
4 Title 6 of this article, the District Court has exclusive original civil jurisdiction in:

5 (13) A proceeding for a civil infraction under § 21–202.1, **§ 21–502.2**, §
6 21–704.1, § 21–706.1, § 21–707.1, § 21–809, § 21–810, § 21–1134, § 22–612, or § 24–111.3
7 of the Transportation Article or § 10–112 of the Criminal Law Article;

8 7-302.

14 (ii) On receipt of the notice to stand trial, the agency shall forward
15 to the District Court having venue a copy of the citation and a copy of the notice from the
16 person who received the citation indicating the person's intention to stand trial.

17 (iii) On receipt thereof, the District Court shall schedule the case for
18 trial and notify the defendant of the trial date under procedures adopted by the Chief Judge
19 of the District Court.

23 1. A vehicle height monitoring system;

2. A traffic control signal monitoring system;

25 3. A speed monitoring system;

26 4. A work zone speed control system;

27 5. A stop sign monitoring system;

28 6. A CROSSWALK MONITORING SYSTEM:

7. A school bus monitoring camera:

30 [7.1.8.] A bus lane monitoring system: or

1 [8.] **9.** A noise abatement monitoring system.2 (ii) A citation issued as the result of any of the following systems or
3 cameras controlled by a political subdivision shall provide that, in a contested case, the
4 penalty shall be paid directly to the District Court:5 1. A vehicle height monitoring system;
6 2. A traffic control signal monitoring system;
7 3. A speed monitoring system;
8 4. A work zone speed control system;
9 5. A stop sign monitoring system;
10 6. **A CROSSWALK MONITORING SYSTEM;**
11 7. A school bus monitoring camera;12 [7.] **8.** A bus lane monitoring system; or13 [8.] **9.** A noise abatement monitoring system.14 (iii) A citation issued as the result of any of the following systems or
15 cameras controlled by a State agency shall provide that, in an uncontested or contested
16 case, the penalty shall be paid directly to the District Court:17 1. A traffic control signal monitoring system;
18 2. A work zone speed control system;
19 3. A speed monitoring system; or
20 4. A bus lane monitoring system.21 (3) (i) Except as provided in subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of this
22 paragraph and paragraph (6) of this subsection, civil penalties resulting from citations
23 issued using a vehicle height monitoring system, traffic control signal monitoring system,
24 speed monitoring system, work zone speed control system, stop sign monitoring system,
25 **CROSSWALK MONITORING SYSTEM**, school bus monitoring camera, bus lane monitoring
26 system, or a noise abatement monitoring system that are collected by the District Court
27 shall be collected in accordance with subsection (a) of this section and distributed in
28 accordance with § 12–118 of the Transportation Article.

31 10-311.

32 (a) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a traffic control signal
33 monitoring system in accordance with § 21-202.1 of the Transportation Article is
34 admissible in a proceeding concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a
35 violation of § 21-202(h) of the Transportation Article without authentication.

36 (b) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a speed monitoring system
37 in accordance with § 21-809 or § 21-810 of the Transportation Article is admissible in a

1 proceeding concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of Title 21,
2 Subtitle 8 of the Transportation Article without authentication.

3 (c) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a school bus monitoring
4 camera in accordance with § 21-706.1 of the Transportation Article is admissible in a
5 proceeding concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of § 21-706
6 of the Transportation Article without authentication.

7 (d) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a vehicle height monitoring
8 system in accordance with § 24-111.3 of the Transportation Article is admissible in a
9 proceeding concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of a State or
10 local law restricting the presence of certain vehicles during certain times without
11 authentication.

12 (e) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a bus lane monitoring system
13 in accordance with § 21-1134 of the Transportation Article is admissible in a proceeding
14 concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of § 21-1133 of the
15 Transportation Article without authentication.

16 (f) A recorded image of a motor vehicle and any relevant recorded audio produced
17 by a noise abatement monitoring system in conjunction with a noise measuring device in
18 accordance with § 22-612 of the Transportation Article is admissible in a proceeding
19 concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of § 22-602 of the
20 Transportation Article without authentication.

21 (g) A recorded image of a motor vehicle produced by a stop sign monitoring system
22 in accordance with § 21-707.1 of the Transportation Article is admissible in a proceeding
23 concerning a civil citation issued under that section for a violation of § 21-707 of the
24 Transportation Article without authentication.

25 (h) **A RECORDED IMAGE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCED BY A CROSSWALK
26 MONITORING SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 21-502.2 OF THE TRANSPORTATION
27 ARTICLE IS ADMISSIBLE IN A PROCEEDING CONCERNING A CIVIL CITATION ISSUED
28 UNDER THAT SECTION FOR A VIOLATION OF § 21-502(A)(2) OF THE
29 TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE WITHOUT AUTHENTICATION.**

30 (I) In any other judicial proceeding, a recorded image produced by a vehicle
31 height monitoring system, traffic control signal monitoring system, speed monitoring
32 system, work zone speed control system, stop sign monitoring system, **CROSSWALK**
33 **MONITORING SYSTEM**, school bus monitoring camera, or bus lane monitoring system or a
34 recorded image and any relevant recorded audio produced by a noise abatement monitoring
35 system in conjunction with a noise measuring device is admissible as otherwise provided
36 by law.

1 21-502.

2 (a) (1) This subsection does not apply where:

3 (i) A pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing is provided,
4 as described in § 21-503(b) of this subtitle; or

5 (ii) A traffic control signal is in operation.

6 (2) The driver of a vehicle shall come to a stop when a pedestrian crossing
7 the roadway in a crosswalk is:

8 (i) On the half of the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling; or

9 (ii) Approaching from an adjacent lane on the other half of the
10 roadway.

11 (b) A pedestrian may not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk
12 or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.

13 (c) If, at a marked crosswalk or at an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, a
14 vehicle is stopped to let a pedestrian cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle
15 approaching from the rear may not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

16 (d) A person may not commit a violation of subsection (a) or (c) of this section that
17 contributes to an accident.

18 (e) A person convicted of a violation of subsection (d) of this section is subject to
19 imprisonment not exceeding 2 months or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both.

20 **21-502.2.**

21 (A) (1) **IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
22 INDICATED.**

23 (2) **“AGENCY” MEANS A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT IS
24 AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE A CITATION FOR A VIOLATION OF THE MARYLAND VEHICLE
25 LAW OR OF LOCAL TRAFFIC LAWS OR REGULATIONS.**

26 (3) **“CROSSWALK MONITORING SYSTEM” MEANS A DEVICE DESIGNED
27 TO CAPTURE A RECORDED IMAGE OF A VIOLATION.**

28 (4) (I) **“OWNER” MEANS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF A MOTOR
29 VEHICLE OR LESSEE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER A LEASE OF 6 MONTHS OR MORE.**

30 (II) **“OWNER” DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- 1 1. A MOTOR VEHICLE LEASING COMPANY; OR
- 2 2. A HOLDER OF A SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE
- 3 ISSUED UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 9, PART III OF THIS ARTICLE.

4 (5) “RECORDED IMAGE” MEANS IMAGES RECORDED BY A CROSSWALK
5 MONITORING SYSTEM:

- 6 (I) ON:
 - 7 1. TWO OR MORE PHOTOGRAPHS;
 - 8 2. TWO OR MORE MICROPHOTOGRAPHS;
 - 9 3. TWO OR MORE ELECTRONIC IMAGES;
 - 10 4. VIDEOTAPE; OR
 - 11 5. ANY OTHER MEDIUM; AND

12 (II) SHOWING A MOTOR VEHICLE AND, ON AT LEAST ONE IMAGE
13 OR PORTION OF TAPE, CLEARLY IDENTIFYING THE REGISTRATION PLATE NUMBER
14 OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE.

15 (6) (I) “VIOLATION” MEANS A FAILURE TO COME TO A STOP AT A
16 CROSSWALK IN VIOLATION OF § 21-502(A)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

17 (II) “VIOLATION” DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY ACTION A DRIVER IS
18 INSTRUCTED TO TAKE BY A POLICE OFFICER.

19 (B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (2) THROUGH (5) OF THIS
20 SUBSECTION, AN AGENCY MAY USE CROSSWALK MONITORING SYSTEMS:

21 (I) ON HIGHWAYS LOCATED IN A SCHOOL ZONE MAINTAINED BY
22 A LOCAL JURISDICTION, IF AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOCAL
23 JURISDICTION; OR

24 (II) ON STATE HIGHWAYS LOCATED IN A SCHOOL ZONE, IF
25 AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION.

26 (2) A CROSSWALK MONITORING SYSTEM MAY NOT BE USED IN A
27 LOCAL JURISDICTION UNDER THIS SECTION UNLESS ITS USE IS AUTHORIZED BY THE

1 GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOCAL JURISDICTION BY LOCAL LAW ENACTED AFTER
2 REASONABLE NOTICE AND A PUBLIC HEARING.

3 (3) A COUNTY SHALL PRIORITIZE THE PLACEMENT OF CROSSWALK
4 MONITORING SYSTEMS WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES THAT HAVE HIGH VIOLATION
5 RATES.

6 (4) BEFORE BEGINNING USE OF CROSSWALK MONITORING SYSTEMS,
7 AN AGENCY SHALL PUBLISH NOTICE THAT THE AGENCY HAS ADOPTED THE USE OF
8 CROSSWALK MONITORING SYSTEMS ON ITS WEBSITE AND IN A NEWSPAPER OF
9 GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE CROSSWALK
10 MONITORING SYSTEM WILL BE USED.

11 (5) (I) A COUNTY SHALL PROMINENTLY PLACE SIGNS ON
12 HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE COUNTY PROVIDING NOTICE THAT CROSSWALK
13 MONITORING SYSTEMS ARE USED IN THE COUNTY.

14 (II) THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION SHALL PLACE
15 SIGNS PROMINENTLY PROVIDING NOTICE THAT CROSSWALK MONITORING SYSTEMS
16 ARE IN USE ON STATE HIGHWAYS.

17 (C) A RECORDED IMAGE UNDER THIS SECTION INDICATING THAT THE
18 DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE HAS COMMITTED A VIOLATION SHALL INCLUDE:

19 (1) THE TIME AND DATE OF THE VIOLATION; AND

20 (2) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE LOCATION OF THE VIOLATION.

21 (D) (1) UNLESS THE DRIVER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE RECEIVED A
22 CITATION FROM A POLICE OFFICER AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION, THE OWNER
23 OR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (E)(3) OR (G)(4) OR (5) OF THIS SECTION,
24 THE DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY IF THE MOTOR
25 VEHICLE IS RECORDED BY A CROSSWALK MONITORING SYSTEM DURING THE
26 COMMISSION OF A VIOLATION.

27 (2) A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT EXCEED \$40.

28 (3) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL
29 PRESCRIBE:

30 (I) A UNIFORM CITATION FORM CONSISTENT WITH
31 SUBSECTION (E)(1) OF THIS SECTION AND § 7-302 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE; AND

4 (E) (1) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPHS (2) THROUGH (5)
5 OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN AGENCY SHALL MAIL TO THE OWNER LIABLE UNDER
6 SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION A CITATION THAT SHALL INCLUDE:

7 (I) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE REGISTERED OWNER OF
8 THE VEHICLE;

9 (II) THE REGISTRATION NUMBER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE
10 INVOLVED IN THE VIOLATION;

11 (III) THE VIOLATION CHARGED;

12 (IV) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE LOCATION OF THE
13 VIOLATION;

14 (v) THE DATE AND TIME OF THE VIOLATION;

15 (vi) A COPY OF THE RECORDED IMAGE;

16 (VII) THE AMOUNT OF THE CIVIL PENALTY IMPOSED AND THE
17 DATE BY WHICH THE CIVIL PENALTY MUST BE PAID;

18 (VIII) A SIGNED STATEMENT BY A TECHNICIAN EMPLOYED BY THE
19 AGENCY THAT, BASED ON THE INSPECTION OF THE RECORDED IMAGE, THE MOTOR
20 VEHICLE WAS BEING OPERATED DURING THE COMMISSION OF A VIOLATION;

21 (IX) A STATEMENT THAT THE RECORDED IMAGE IS EVIDENCE OF
22 A VIOLATION; AND

23 (x) INFORMATION ADVISING THE PERSON ALLEGED TO BE
24 LIABLE UNDER THIS SECTION:

(2) THE AGENCY MAY MAIL A WARNING NOTICE IN PLACE OF A
CITATION TO THE OWNER LIABLE UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

20 (II) AN AGENCY MAY NOT MAIL A CITATION TO A MOTOR
21 VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANY LIABLE UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION IF
22 THE MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANY COMPLIES WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF
23 THIS PARAGRAPH.

30 (I) PAY THE CIVIL PENALTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH
31 INSTRUCTIONS ON THE CITATION; OR

32 (II) ELECT TO STAND TRIAL FOR THE ALLEGED VIOLATION.

9 (G) (1) THE DISTRICT COURT MAY CONSIDER IN DEFENSE OF A
10 VIOLATION:

15 (II) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
16 EVIDENCE THAT THE PERSON NAMED IN THE CITATION WAS NOT OPERATING THE
17 VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION; AND

18 (III) ANY OTHER ISSUES AND EVIDENCE THAT THE DISTRICT
19 COURT CONSIDERS PERTINENT.

26 (3) TO SATISFY THE EVIDENTIARY BURDEN UNDER PARAGRAPH
27 (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE PERSON NAMED IN THE CITATION SHALL PROVIDE
28 TO THE DISTRICT COURT EVIDENCE TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE DISTRICT
29 COURT OF WHO WAS OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION,
30 INCLUDING, AT A MINIMUM, THE OPERATOR'S NAME AND CURRENT ADDRESS.

8 2. PROVIDES THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND DRIVER'S
9 LICENSE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE PERSON WHO WAS OPERATING THE
10 VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION.

23 (III) A CITATION ISSUED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
24 PARAGRAPH SHALL BE MAILED NOT LATER THAN 2 WEEKS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE
25 EVIDENCE FROM THE DISTRICT COURT.

26 (H) IF THE CIVIL PENALTY IS NOT PAID AND THE VIOLATION IS NOT
27 CONTESTED, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY REFUSE TO REGISTER OR REREGISTER OR
28 MAY SUSPEND THE REGISTRATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE.

29 **(I) A VIOLATION FOR WHICH A CIVIL PENALTY IS IMPOSED UNDER THIS**
30 **SECTION:**

7 (K) (1) AN AGENCY OR AN AGENT OR A CONTRACTOR DESIGNATED BY THE
8 AGENCY SHALL ADMINISTER AND PROCESS CIVIL CITATIONS ISSUED UNDER THIS
9 SECTION IN COORDINATION WITH THE DISTRICT COURT.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2026.